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P.S. I shall get Mr. Coulter  
to make the ~~arrangements~~ for me, and  
I shall bring them very highly as  
dangling Helen's gifts

Roxbury, March 27, 1878.

My Dear Fanny:

It is quite time that I should  
reciprocate your last letter; but I have  
been so occupied, day after day, in sit-  
ting for my bust to Miss Whitney, that  
I have on hand a number of epistles  
yet to be answered. I certainly meant  
to have written to Wendell ere this.

My bust is nearly completed;  
and though I have not critically ex-  
amined it, (in deference to the wishes  
of Miss W., who would prefer that ex-  
amination to be made when her task is  
ended,) I have glanced at it suffi-  
ciently to be satisfied that her effort



will be a success. At least I hope so, both for her sake and that my children may have a better bust of me than Clevenger, Jackson, Brackett, or Rogers has made. She has artistic genius and aspiration, and is therefore no mere mechanical worker. I find her a lady of refinement and culture, unaffectedly modest with absolute self-respect and self-reliance, a vigorous and radical thinker, and a good talker.

In our legislature we have gained a few more votes on the woman suffrage question. It had several advocates in the House, and no one rose to speak against it.

I saw Mr. Thaxter at his store this forenoon; and he expressed much satisfaction that his good wife was hav-



ing so enjoyable a time with you and the children. He mentioned that she had had some difficulty in promptly receiving his letters, though he directed them to the Westmoreland House. Is it necessary to add, "corner of 17th Street, 4th Avenue"?

I have just had a pleasant visit from Sarah Southwick. It is the first time we have met since we parted last May. Miss Otis was not at home. Sarah spent a considerable portion of the winter with Mrs. Taylor, at Germantown. She made many inquiries about you all, and said she had hoped to make you a call on her way home, but circumstances prevented her doing so. Abby spent the winter in Washington, and is still there. Anne is thinking of trying to get to Rome this summer.



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Miss Dunn having put down  
all the carpets in the newly rented  
house at Cambridgeport, yesterday  
and to-day George has been busy in  
seeing to the removal of the furniture.  
As there is nothing whatever doing  
in the wool business, he can be easily  
spared from the store. Poor William  
feels very dubious as to his own  
situation and prospects.

Last evening the little German  
class, consisting of half a dozen per-  
sons, held its usual weekly meeting  
at Ellie's. Mrs. Tyndale is a pleas-  
ant addition to it, and a real help.

Frank failed to see Sir Peter  
Coats and daughter, though he  
called several times at the Brunwicks.

Give my affectionate regards  
to Mrs. Thaxter, and kisses to the children.  
Your loving Father.